



Southern Region News Release

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 15, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.7 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 15, 2020, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through February 15, 2020 for the United States were 1.34 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 11, 2020	January 18, 2020	January 25, 2020	February 1, 2020	February 8, 2020	February 15, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)					
Alabama	34,108	34,156	34,255	33,619	34,263	33,376	106
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,168	1,209	1,193	97
Georgia	35,006	35,102	35,549	35,214	35,004	35,119	101
South Carolina....	5,412	5,621	5,753	5,889	5,802	5,887	103
United States	239,368	237,450	240,312	238,316	239,219	237,692	103

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, *Broiler Hatchery*, February 19, 2020

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Alabama	25,818	24,637	24,933	25,233	25,401	24,723	105
Florida	1,336	1,362	1,296	1,245	1,287	1,282	98
Georgia	26,672	26,940	27,367	26,276	27,506	28,485	106
South Carolina....	4,907	5,134	5,402	4,680	4,521	4,982	92
United States	190,799	191,192	188,943	191,749	190,523	192,178	105

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Alabama	34,108	34,156	34,255	33,619	34,263	33,376
Arkansas	23,992	24,038	23,378	23,550	23,688	23,490
Delaware	5,337	5,067	5,239	5,269	5,495	5,216
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,168	1,209	1,193
Georgia	35,006	35,102	35,549	35,214	35,004	35,119
Kentucky	7,910	7,944	7,989	7,905	7,864	7,882
Louisiana	3,740	3,819	3,864	3,879	3,879	3,835
Maryland	8,251	8,102	8,324	8,387	7,565	7,938
Mississippi	18,199	17,550	18,305	18,124	18,304	18,381
Missouri	8,905	8,646	8,914	8,778	8,949	8,660
North Carolina	25,219	25,118	25,029	24,917	25,114	25,234
Oklahoma	7,521	7,572	7,837	7,756	7,507	7,464
Pennsylvania	6,204	5,991	6,193	6,136	5,902	6,075
South Carolina	5,412	5,621	5,753	5,889	5,802	5,887
Texas	17,976	17,296	17,992	17,369	17,846	17,250
Virginia	6,453	6,454	6,453	6,469	6,508	6,512
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,821	12,916	13,269	13,044	13,312	12,921
Other States	11,136	10,880	10,791	10,843	11,008	11,259
United States	239,368	237,450	240,312	238,316	239,219	237,692
Percent of previous year	105	104	105	104	105	103

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	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama	25,818	24,637	24,933	25,233	25,401	24,723
Arkansas	21,865	22,429	21,273	22,899	22,502	20,163
Delaware	5,105	4,926	4,930	5,516	5,325	5,694
Florida	1,336	1,362	1,296	1,245	1,287	1,282
Georgia	26,672	26,940	27,367	26,276	27,506	28,485
Kentucky	6,295	5,923	5,839	5,683	6,739	6,317
Louisiana	3,193	3,238	3,192	3,201	3,228	3,327
Maryland	6,569	6,293	5,781	4,877	5,625	5,445
Mississippi	15,811	15,116	15,507	15,472	14,999	15,369
Missouri	6,243	5,873	5,464	5,135	6,101	6,425
North Carolina	20,434	20,216	18,609	20,820	19,970	20,110
Oklahoma	4,314	4,212	5,396	4,388	3,705	5,400
Pennsylvania	4,461	4,434	4,419	4,418	4,364	4,473
South Carolina	4,907	5,134	5,402	4,680	4,521	4,982
Texas	14,629	14,729	14,423	14,640	13,842	14,373
Virginia	4,898	5,106	5,598	6,402	5,916	5,897
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,080	12,028	10,609	12,030	11,203	11,575
Other States	8,169	8,596	8,905	8,834	8,289	8,138
United States	190,799	191,192	188,943	191,749	190,523	192,178
Percent of previous year	104	104	103	104	104	105

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